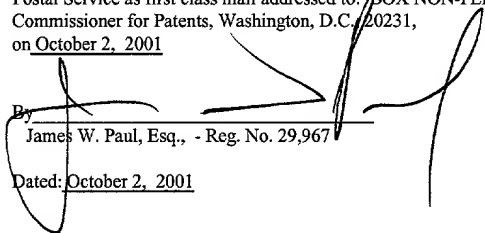


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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

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Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

This Preliminary Amendment is being filed concurrently with a Continuation Application being filed under 37 CFR 1.53(b), based upon Serial No. 09/557,127 filed April 25, 2000.

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

At page 1, the first line, before "Field of the Invention:" please insert:

Related Applications:

This is a continuation of Serial No. 09/557,127 filed April 25, 2000 which is a continuation of Serial No. 09/139,258 filed August 25, 1998, now US Patent No. 6,136,015.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel Claims 1 through 53 , without prejudice, and add the following new claims 54 through 65:

54.(New) An occlusive device for use in interventional therapy and vascular surgery adapted to be inserted into a portion of a vasculature for occluding the portion of the vasculature, comprising:

a vasoocclusive coil having a primary coil configuration with a loop at at least one end, said vasoocclusive coil being formed from a plurality of strands including a radiopaque strand to provide a radiopaque marker of the deployed configuration of a device made of the vasoocclusive coil during vascular surgery.

55.(New) The occlusive device of Claim 54, wherein said vasoocclusive coil has a primary coil configuration with a helical loop at a distal end of the coil.

56.(New) The occlusive device of Claim 55, wherein said helical loop has a J-shape configuration.

57.(New) The occlusive device of Claim 54, wherein said vasoocclusive coil has a primary coil configuration having two end helical loops, with a helical loop at the proximal and distal ends of the coil.

58.(New) The occlusive device of Claim 57, wherein said helical loops each have a J-shape configuration.

59.(New) The occlusive device of Claim 55, wherein said helical loop has a diameter of about 2 mm.

60.(New) The occlusive device of Claim 57, wherein said helical loops each have a diameter of about 2 mm.

61.(New) The occlusive device of Claim 54, wherein said vasoocclusive coil comprises at least one loop intermediate the proximal and distal ends of the coil.

62.(New) The occlusive device of Claim 57, wherein said vasoocclusive coil comprises two loops intermediate the proximal and distal ends of the coil.

63.(New) The occlusive device of Claim 54, wherein said radiopaque strand comprises platinum.

64.(New) The occlusive device of Claim 54, wherein said radiopaque strand comprises tungsten.

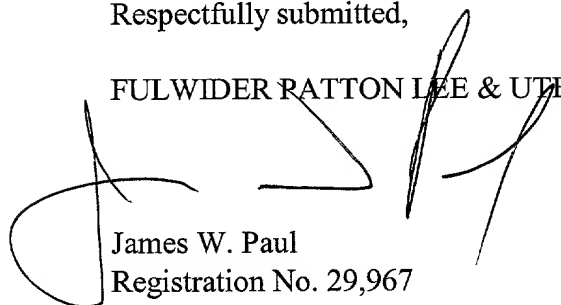
65.(New) The occlusive device of Claim 54, wherein said radiopaque strand comprises gold.

REMARKS

In light of the foregoing amendments, favorable consideration of the application is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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